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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO A VENEZUELAN PARTICIPANT, PREPCON II WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL; THE POSITIONS OF DCS AND LDC ARE NOT FAR APART. THE STATURE OF VENEZUELA'S REPRESENTATIVE, MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, APPEARS TO HAVE RISEN SUBSTANTIALLY AS A RESULT OF THE MEEGING, BUT HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

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2. ON OCTOBER 30 EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE WITH DR OSCAR

DE ROJAS ABOUT HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE PREPCON II, WHICH HE ATTENDED AS A MEMBER OF THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION. DE ROJAS IS AN ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO.

3. DE ROJAS SAID THE PARIS MEETING WENT VERY WELL. HE THOUGHT THAT PRESS REPORTS OF THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE MEETING WERE GREATLY EXAGGERATED. ALTHOUGH THE MEETING DID RESULT IN SEPARATE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BY DCS AND LDCS, DE ROJAS BELIEVES THEIR POSITIONS ARE NOT REALLY VERY FAR APART.

4. ACCORDING TO DE ROJAS, PEREZ GUERRERO UNDERTOOK INFORMALLY TO INITIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SELECTION OF THE 12 ADDITIONAL LDCS TO ATTEND THE MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CONFERENCE. PEREZ GUERRERO COMMUNICATED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE GROUP OF 77 TO INITIATE THIS PROCESS. IT WAS AGREED THAT FOUR COUNTRIES EACH WOULD BE SELECTED FROM LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA. ALTHOUGH THE SELECTION IS NOT FINAL, DE ROJAS BELIEVES THAT THE ADDITIONAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WILL BE ARGENTINA, MEXICO, PERU AND JAMAICA. PEREZ GUERRERO, WHO IS STILL ABROAD, INTENDS TO VISIT NEW YORK ON NOV 6 AND 7 TO CHECK ON PROGRESS IN THE SELECTION OF THE ADDITIONAL LDC REPRESENTATIVES.

5. THE FIRST TASK OF THE 19 LDCS, ACCORDING TO DE ROJAS, WILL BE TO SELECT A CO-CHAIRMAN FOR THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. DE ROJAS BELIEVES A MEETING OF THE 19 COUNTRIES WILL BE CALLED FOR THIS PURPOSE. WHEN ASKED WHO MIGHT BE CANDIDATES FOR THIS POSITION, DE ROJAS SAID THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO TELL BUT THAT DR PEREZ GUERRERO IS NOT A CANDIDATE. PEREZ GUERRERO BELIEVES THIS WILL BE A VERY TIME-CONSUMING RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WOULD CONFLICT WITH HIS RESPONSIBILITIES TO PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. (HOWEVER, DE ROJAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED SAYING THAT PEREZ GUERRERO WOULD REFUSE TO SERVE AS A CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERIAL).

6. DE ROJAS SAID THAT VENEZUELA WOULD LIKE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON BASIC ISSUES IN ADVANCE OF THE DECEMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE CO-CHAIRMAN SELECTED WOULD BE ABLE TO FACILITATE THIS TASK, BUT THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED. IN THIS CONNECTION, DE ROJAS COMMENTED THAT UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AND DR. PEREZ GUERRERO HAD AGREED TO MAINTAIN VERY CLOSE CONTACT IN ORDER TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

7. COMMENT: DE ROJAS IS PEREZ GUERRERO'S PRINCIPAL
ASSISTANT FOR THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.
HE REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF HIS CHIEF. HE THINKS PEREZ GUERRERO'S
STATURE AMONG THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN PREPCON II
HAS RISEN SUBSTANTIALLY AS A RESULT OF HIS
ROLE AT THE SESSION. ACCORDING TO DE ROJAS, PEREZ GUERRERO WAS
TREATED ROYALLY DURING A VISIT TO ALGIERS FOLLOWING THE
PARIS MEETING. END COMMENT.
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